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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2002. Applicants believe that no fee is due with this amendment, however, please charge any fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085; Ref. No. 17633/1030.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please **cancel** claims 66 and 67. ✓ ✓

Please **replace** claim 65 with the following claim.

41 1/65. (Twice amended) A method of screening for autoimmune disease associated with a reduction in NFkB activity in a mammal deemed to be at risk for an autoimmune disease comprising:

a) providing a biological sample from a mammal; and

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